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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Gary Ruvkun et al. Art Unit: 1632
Serial No.: 08/908,453 Examiner: Shukla, R.
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136, applicants hereby petition that the period for replying to the Examiner's Action mailed May 4, 2000, be extended for three months to and including November 6, 2000, since November 4th falls on a Saturday.

Enclosed is a check for \$445.00 for the required fee. If there are any other charges, or any credits, please apply them to Deposit Account No. 03-2095.

Respectfully submitted,

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